The Northshore Education Consortium remains committed to the core mission of providing high quality, cost-effective public programs, support services, and resources to assist member districts in meeting the needs of students who require specialized educational services. During the 2015-2016 school year, the Northshore Education Consortium’s approved day schools served 390 students from 20 member and 33 non-member districts. An additional 100 youngsters received services through our school-based and consultation services, and over 500 individuals benefited from our regional conferences and professional development workshops.

The combination of a surplus in our operating budget, plus the generous support of our friends and donors in FY 2016, enabled us to make significant advances in improving our physical space and expanding the technology available to our educators and our students. The 2016-2017 school year started with a newly paved parking lot and accessible walkway, freshly painted hallways and stairwells, and many new computers, laptops, Chromebooks, ipads, and augmentative communication devices in our classrooms.

What does this mean for our students? It means that high school students who struggle with anxiety and depression are able to prepare for college; young adults with autism receive vocational experiences that prepare them for independent employment; children with significant multiple disabilities receive all of their specialized therapies in a cheerful and positive school environment; and teenagers struggling with addictions learn to have “healthy and sober fun.” Your support means that in addition to the “basics” of the school curriculum, our students are able to go on field trips, work with therapy dogs, use the newest technology to assist with communication and learning, and access state-of-the-art curriculum and therapies.

I would like to thank our staff for their outstanding work in fiscal year 2016. I would like to thank the Friends of NEC Board for their service and commitment. And I would like to thank our community of supporters and donors who play a key role in helping us fulfill our mission!
41 years of service
20 million dollar operating budget (NEC and Friends)
20 member districts (local cities and towns)
18 NEC Governing Board Members
10 Friends of NEC Board Members (including Ex-Officio members); non-profit board
270 NEC staff
7 NEC Schools/Programs served 390 NEC students from 53 districts:
  Kevin O’Grady School served 129 students from 36 districts
  Northshore Academy Upper School served 110 students from 32 districts with 16 graduates
  Northshore Academy Lower School served 58 students from 27 districts with 41% return to home districts
  Recovery High School served 42 students from 16 districts with 13 graduates
  Embark served 18 students from 7 districts
  SOAR served 22 students from 10 districts
  STEP served 11 students from 7 districts

Cost/Benefit Analysis:
- Based on an analysis of private schools serving similar populations, member districts can save up to $150/day (over $27,000/year, not including transportation costs) by sending a student to an NEC program.

Additional 100+ students received school based, consultation, vision or home-training services from NEC enabling them to remain in local home schools

Phanithropic Development:
- Revenue of $175,055
- $20,000 donated to our Tribute Program
- $47,000+ received from grants (supporting technology, much needed equipment for our most physically disabled students, vocational programming, advancements in our arts programming and additions to our athletic field and track)
- $22,000 was raised during our annual appeal; third highest year
- $35,000 in major donor support in major donor support allocated for assistive and communication technology programs and supporting devices, eye gaze software and more; this level of technology provides our most severely challenged students a means to express basic wants and needs as well as access to their curriculum

Changes of note:
- Curb appeal for 112 Sohier Road location including a newly paved parking lot, the addition of safe and accessible walkways and freshly painted hallways
- Certified service dogs now active in all seven NEC programs providing emotional and behavioral support in addition to reading skill development
- Festivus 5K for Autism became an NEC event raising over $15,000 for NEC to purchase technology to help educate our students with Autism

Professional Development:
- 500+ professionals (non-NEC) attended our Professional Development courses and workshops